

Australian Council on Smoking & Health



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Mr W R M Irvine
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Dear Mr Irvine

I notice that in the February 1st edition of the Medical Journal of Australia, the Australian Tobacco Research Foundation's Scientific Advisory Committee reports, amongst other things, that they are unanimous in believing

....that smoking is an important causative factor in several major diseases. We recognise the link between smoking and lung cancer which is generally attributed to the presence of known carcinogens in tobacco-smoke. We are also aware of the increased risk of coronary heart disease, stroke and emphysema in persons who smoke cigarettes.

Your industry has long said that the evidence on smoking and health is inconclusive, and that the Australian Tobacco Research Foundation was established to address this issue. Obviously, this Foundation has now found conclusive evidence indicting cigarette smoking as a major cause of death and disease.

I would be grateful if you could advise my Council as to what steps your company will be taking now that your own advisory committee has agreed that carcinogens in cigarette smoke cause lung cancer, and that smoking increases the risk of developing several other major disease.

Yours sincerely

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Chairman

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for a response if CU consider
one is necessary. M.